



Cultural Arts February 2015 Calendar Of Events

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Cultural Arts & Community Events programs: www.artslasvegas.org

City of Las Vegas website: www.lasvegasnevada.gov

PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Spring I Class Registration at the Charleston Heights Arts Center (all ages)

Registration Jan. 15-Feb. 18, 2015, for six-week session of classes Feb. 18-March 28.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Courses offered include ballet, hip-hop, ballroom dancing, visual arts and private lessons in music and dance by appointment. For more information, call 702-229-6383. To register online, visit www.artslasvegas.org/classes/register.htm.

Spring Break Youth Dance Camp Registration (ages 12-18)

Registration Jan. 15-March 30, 2015, for a one-week camp March 30-April 3.

Cost: \$75.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

This camp encompasses training in the dance disciplines and techniques of contemporary ballet, modern, hip-hop, jazz and lyrical, and concludes with student performance. Register your child for an opportunity to train, meet new people and succeed in a disciplined atmosphere. Enrollment is open to beginner through advanced dancers. For more information, call 702-229-6383. To register online, visit www.artslasvegas.org/classes/register.htm.

Ethnic Express international Folk Dancing (ages 8+)

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$4 per person per week at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Have an evening of fun learning international dance styles, including Arabic, Armenian, Bulgarian, Chinese, Greek, Israeli, Macedonian, Russian, Serbian and Turkish folk dances. No need to bring a partner. For more information, call 702-732-4871 or go online to www.ethnicexpresslasvegas.org.

Scottish Country Dancing (ages 13+)

Fridays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person at the door; \$4 for members of Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers.

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Scottish country dancing celebrates the beautiful ballroom dance styles of Scotland. Dances can be joyfully energetic or graceful. From the first chord to the final bow or curtsy, participants will be inspired by the driving reels, jigs, strathspeys or lilting airs. Dancers should wear comfortable clothes and soft shoes. Dances are presented by the Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers, a nonprofit volunteer organization. For more information, call 702-656-9513 or go online to www.lasvegascountrydance.org.

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Book Club at Charleston Heights Arts Center (16+)

Feb.* 4 & 18 "The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love" by Oscar Hijuelos

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Meet spirited book lovers in a free local book club at the Charleston Heights Arts Center! Fiction or non-fiction, e-reader, paperback or hardcover, you'll read a new book every month. Come to laugh, share stories and make new friends! Enjoy guided discussion of selected titles of modern literature with group moderator, Aleida Castro. Call or visit <http://www.artslasvegas.org/classes/chac.htm> for more information. Book titles are subject to change.

**Select titles in this program series will also include a film showing which is made possible in part by a grant from Nevada Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent those of Nevada Humanities or the National Endowment for the Humanities.*

West Las Vegas Arts Center Film Series: A Dream Deferred

Saturdays, Feb. 7 and 14; 2 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

For more information, call 702-229-4800 or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

Feb. 7 – "A Huey P. Newton Story" (note change in film)

Born in a small town in Louisiana and later moved as an infant with his family to Oakland, California, Huey P. Newton became the co-founder of the Black Panthers Party and its leader for more than two decades. Director Spike Lee and Roger Fuenveur Smith collaborate to bring Newton's thoughts, philosophies and history to life in "A Huey P. Newton Story." Produced by Luna Ray Films, it is a film adaptation of Smith's Obie Award-winning, off-Broadway solo performance of the same title. Filmed before a live audience, Lee directs the production with his signature mix of film and archival footage to capture the thoughts of this revolutionary political leader and the movement he founded.

Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Presents "Digging Through Nevada's Past"

Feb. 13-14 at 7 p.m., and Feb. 14-15 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 per person.

Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth St., 702-229-3515.

To purchase tickets and for more information, visit www.artslasvegas.org (there is no online fee) or call 702-229-4614 or 229-6553.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Film Series: A Dream Deferred

Saturday, Feb. 14; 2 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

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"Strange Fruit" (57 minutes)

"Strange Fruit" is the first documentary exploring the history and legacy of the Billie Holiday classic. The song's evolution tells a dramatic story of America's radical past using one of the most influential protest songs ever written as its epicenter. The saga brings viewers face-to-face with the terror of lynching even as it spotlights the courage and heroism of those who fought for racial justice when to do so was to risk ostracism and livelihood if white, and death if black. It examines the history of lynching, and the interplay of race, labor and the left, and popular culture, as forces that would give rise to the Civil Rights Movement.

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Mardi Gras Celebration with Creole Stomp (adults and seniors)

Saturday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 advance; \$15 at door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Celebrate Mardi Gras dancing to rocking, bluesy Louisiana tunes. Creole Stomp travels the country carrying the tradition of Mississippi River Valley Creole music to audiences of thousands. This band is legendary on the Blues and Roots circuit for its marathon performances that feature a mix of Swamp Pop and traditional dance tunes, led by French-speaking Creole accordionist and fiddler Dennis Stroughmatt. Purchase tickets early to receive complimentary Mardi Gras mask and beads to join in all the fun. For tickets or more information, visit www.artslasvegas.org or call 702-229-6383.

Charleston Heights Arts Center Film Series***Page to Screen: Stories of Hispanic Heritage and Culture***

In association with Nevada Humanities

Celebrate Hispanic and Latino culture and heritage with this unique film series that showcases four acclaimed award-winning modern works. Discover and learn of Hispanic history and cultural experiences, question and express your thoughts and ideas with our Humanities Scholar, Luis Bonilla, and audience participants. As part of this series, book discussion groups will read the story to be explored and deliver insight about the author before seeing the story come to life on the big screen. All film screenings are free and open to the public. *This program series is made possible in part by a grant from Nevada Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent those of Nevada Humanities or of the National Endowment for the Humanities.*

- **Thursday, Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m.**

“The Mambo Kings” - rated R; runtime: 105 minutes.

Free and open to the public

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

The Mambo Kings tells the story of two brothers who flee from Havana in the early 1950s, arrive in New York, and dream of making themselves famous musicians. Stars Armand Assante, Antonio Banderas, Cathy Moriarty, Maruschka Detmers, Desi Arnaz Jr., and Celia Cruz; directed by Arne Glimcher. Book discussion group meets Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Downtown Cultural Series Concert – The Firenze Strings with Li Lin Hong and Zhang Hai Yue celebrating the Year of the Goat with Music from China and Beyond

Friday, Feb. 20, noon.

Free and open to the public.

Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse Jury Room, 333 Las Vegas Blvd. North.

Bring your lunch to enjoy this hour-long concert.

John McEuen & John Carter Cash “Will the Circle Be Unbroken” and “A Tribute to The Carter Family” Concert

Saturday, Feb. 21, 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door.

Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth St., 702-229-3515.

John McEuen joins forces with John Carter Cash (son of Johnny Cash and June Carter) to share stories and memories and feature the stories and songs surrounding the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band's 1972 release, “Will The Circle Be Unbroken.”

Brass Roots Quintet Concert

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

The Brass Roots Quintet will perform a free concert with a wide-ranging repertoire that embraces all styles of music, from classical to contemporary.

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Exhibitions

Public Employee Art Exhibit

Through Feb. 5, 2015, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; closed weekends and holidays.

The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

Las Vegas City Hall Chamber Gallery, 495 S. Main St., second floor, 702-229-1012.

This exhibit includes several city, county and state employees who also practice fine art. There will be a variety of media in the exhibit. The curator is Marty Walsh, owner of Trifecta Gallery in the Arts Factory. For more information, call 702-229-1012.

The Mid-Century Las Vegas Stage: The Acts that Built the Entertainment Capital of the World

Dec. 4, 2014 – Feb 14, 2015, Wednesday-Friday, 12:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

A special exhibition in collaboration with the Las Vegas News Bureau and Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas. Writer Lynn Zook has contributed the informational text panel that describes the mid-century lounge scene in Las Vegas. The exhibit will include photographs from the News Bureau archives showing lounge acts from the mid-20th Century in Las Vegas entertainment history as well as photographs of signs and marquees highlighting the same entertainers. The Nevada State Museum will be loaning a costume from its collection that comes from the same time in history. For more information, call 702-229-1012.

In Honor of Chinese New Year: Year of the Goat

Dec. 19, 2014 – Feb 21, 2015, by appointment only and during reception Feb. 19.

Meet-the-Artists Reception Feb. 19, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

Mayor's Gallery, Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth St.; 702-229-1012.

This exhibit is organized annually to honor Chinese New Year. The upcoming new year opens the year of the goat. The symbol can also be shown as the Sheep and is the eighth sign of the Chinese Zodiac, which consists of 12 animal signs. It is lucky that the sheep is ranked eighth in the cycle of Chinese Zodiac animals, because the number 8 in Chinese is an auspicious one, symbolizing peace and prosperity. Artists included in the exhibit are Bill Leaf, Bobbie Ann Howell, Chuck Arnett, Gig Depio, Gwaylon Leaf, Jeff Fulmer, John Gregg, Kim Johnson, Kris Kortuem, Lynda Whitehair, Margaret DeClerk, Merrilee Hortt, Nancy Good, Peter Jakubowski, Peter Mengert, Rainer Bertrams, Robert Nelson, Stewart Freshwater, Theresa Lucero, Thomas Bumblauskas, William Bennet. Additional artists are to be determined. For more information, call 702-229-1012.

Wayne Littlejohn Exhibition

Jan. 22-May 5, 2015; 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Free and open to the public.

Las Vegas City Hall Grand Gallery, 495 S. Main St., first floor, 702-229-1012.

For more information about this exhibit, please call 702-229-1012.

In Honor of African American Heritage 2015 Exhibit

Featured Artist Harold Bradford

Feb. 12-May 14, 2015; 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Reception to be determined.

Free and open to the public.

Las Vegas City Hall Chamber Gallery, 495 S. Main St., second floor, 702-229-1012.

For more information about this exhibit, please call 702-229-1012.

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Nevada Watercolor Signature Member Exhibit

Feb. 26-May 23, 2015; open by appointment only and during artists' reception.

Meet-the-Artists Reception Thursday, Feb. 26, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Mayor's Gallery, Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth St.; 702-229-1012.

Strong and vibrant watercolor work from Nevada Watercolor Society members that have been part of the group for many years. For more information about this exhibit, please call 702-229-1012.

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